

REPUBLICAN SCHOOLHOUSE  
RIPON, WISCONSIN

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN  
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY  
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1249 NORTH FRANKLIN PLACE - MILWAUKEE, WIS.

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"REPUBLICAN SCHOOL HOUSE"  
Ripon, Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin

City of Ripon (Owner)

Erected - 1853

Architect - Unknown

Builder - Pratt & Atkins

The structure is in excellent condition. It was moved from its original location to where it now sets on the campus of Ripon College.

The building is one story in height and of wood construction throughout.

This little structure was built for school house purposes. In it was held a meeting which was destined to be of great historical significance. This was the one at which the Republican Party was founded. This meeting of the early day politicians and other interested folk was held in this structure on March 20th, 1854. It is of interest to recall that the lot on which the school house was first placed was donated by a Mr. Alvan E. Bovay, who also had the honor of giving the name of the new political party. Following its use as a school house, it was used as a dwelling and in 1906, due to the efforts of the Ripon Commercial Club, a fund was raised for its purchase and removal to the Campus grounds in restoration. After this was accomplished, the building was then presented to the

city of Ripon. The world has made a beaten path to its door.

The foregoing information was obtained from a local historian, one named Mr. Samuel M. Pedrick.

Alexander Carl Guth  
District Officer

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